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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S
LETTER ON CAMP DAVID MEETING

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THROUGH THE SENEGALESE
EMBASSY IN PARIS A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO
PRESIDENT CARTER REPLYING TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER
ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING AT CAMP
DAVID. COMPLETE TEXT FOLLOWS (EMBASSY TRANSLATION).

2. BEGIN TEXT:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

R "I MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR LETTER OF 15 AUGUST
1978 BY WHICH YOU CONFIRMED TO ME THE TALKS WHICH YOU
WILL HAVE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6 AT CAMP DAVID, AND
IN WHICH YOU INFORMED ME OF YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE BEST
MEANS OF ARRIVING AT A MIDDLE EAST PEACE AGREEMENT.

"I AM ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THIS PROBLEM,
WHICH I HAD THE OCCASION TO DISCUSS WITH YOU LAST
JUNE, AS I HAD BEEN CHARGED SEVERAL YEARS AGO WITH
LEADING A DELEGATION OF AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE TO
JERUSALEM AND CAIRO TO ATTEMPT TO AID PEACE NEGOTIA-
TIONS. OUR OBJECTIVE THEN, AS YOURS IS TODAY, WAS

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TO LEAD EGYPT AND ISRAEL AFTER DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS TO
CONCLUDE A PEACE TREATY ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF
WHICH THE ISRAELIS WOULD WITHDRJW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB
TERRITORIES. THIS, NATURALLY, WOULD IMPLY FOR THE
PALESTINIAN ARABS THE RIGHT TO BUILD ALONGSIDE THE
STATE OF ISRAEL--WHICH THERE WOULD BE NO QUESTION OF
SUPPRESSED--AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN ARAB STATE.

"I REMAIN PERSUADED THAT THE BEST MEANS OF
MAINTAINING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE CONSTITU-
TION ONNA CONFEDERATION, IF NOT A FEDERATION, BETWEEN
THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE FUTURE PALESTINIAN ARAB
STATE.

"THERE WILL BE NO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SO
LONG AS THE JEWS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL DO NOT CON-
SIDER THEMSELVES AS A SEMITIC STATE AMONGST SEMITIC
STATES.

"IN THANKING YOU AGAIN FOR HAVING WRITTEN ME,
I ASK THAT YOU BE ASSURED, MR. PRESIDENT, OF MY VERY
HIGH AND CORDCAL CONSIDERATION.

R "SIGNED: LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR."

3. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO AF/W, COPY
TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR.
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